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1. AT MEETING WITH FONMIN MCLOUGHLIN AT 11:30 A . M. AT MY REQUEST, I TOOK UP THE QUESTION OF CUBA. I STATED OUR POSITION AND GAVE HIM COPY OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HURWITCH' S STATEMENT BEFORE THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ARGENTINA WOULD STAND WITH US.

2. FONMIN SAID THAT THE ITEM OF CUBA WAS NOT ON THE OAS AGENDA AND THAT HE DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD COME UP EXCEPT IN A PHILOSOPHICAL WAY. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE OAS WOULD BECOME SEIZED OF THE QUESTION. HE DOES NOT QUITE AGREE WITH OUR DIAGNOSIS OF THE PROBABLE VOTE TALLY IN THE EVENT OF A VOTE. HE THINKS THAT COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA HAVE PRETTY MUCH THE SAME POSITION AND HE SAYS ARGENTINA SHARES THE SAME ATTITUDE.

3. WHILE NOT COMMITTING HIMSELF AS TO HOW ARGENTINA WOULD VOTE, HE INDICATED THAT THEIR TWO PRINCIPAL CONCERNS WERE: (1) THAT THE OAS SHOULD NOT BE DAMAGED BY BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY MEMBER COUNTRIES ON THEIR OWN, AND (2) THAT THE PROCEDURE SHOULD BE SO CHANGED AS TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THESE DIFFERING POINTS
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OF VIEW WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OAS. I GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT TO SOME EXTENT HE WAS SHADOWBOXING ME BECAUSE OF THE POSITION IN FAVOR OF THE RECOGNITION OF CUBA TAKEN BY PRESIDENT- ELECT CAMPORA. INDEED, HE ADVERTED TO THIS FACT IN THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSION.

4. HE SAID THAT HE FELT THAT WE HAD NEGLECTED WHOLE LATIN AMERICAN AREA, " DESCUIDADO" WAS THE WORD HE USED. I INDICATED THAT THAT REMARK HAD A FAMILIAR RING BUT THAT I DID NOT FEEL THAT THE FACTS SUPPORT SUCH AN ASSERTION. I MENTIONED THE MASSIVE HELP IN LOANS FURNISHED BY IDB, THE IMF, THE WORLD BANK, TO ALL OF WHICH WE MAKE VERY SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. I MENTIONED THE HELP FROM EX-IM BANK IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR RUNNING FINANCIAL CRISIS. I SAID THAT NO DIRECT AID HAD BEEN REQUESTED OF US EVER SINCE I ARRIVED HERE. I MENTIONED THE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF HOUSING MORTGAGE GUARANTIES AND VARIOUS OTHER ITEMS WHICH MIGHT BE CHARACTERIZED AS AID.

5. SINCE HE IS LEAVING THIS EVENING FOR WASHINGTON, WE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN UPON HIS RETURN.
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